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SUBJECT: IRAN: UK'S INFORMAL COMMENTS ON EU DYNAMICS AND IRAN SANCTIONS PROSPECTS REF: A. SECSTATE 95257 B. SEPT 2 LONDON EMAIL (GAYLE) TO NEA/
Classified By: Political Counselor Rick Mills for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

- [1](#)1. (C) Summary: Recent Embassy conversations on Iran with regular Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) contacts suggest the UK's approach on U.S./UK Still Agree: Need More Pressure, More Sanctions -----
- [1](#)2. (C) During a courtesy call by newly arrived Political Minister-Counselor, accompanied by London Iran Watcher (Poloff), FCO Iran Coordinator Real Target Is UAE; Only Five EU Members Are Serious on Iran; Elusive Impact of Sanctions -----
- [1](#)3. (C) Phillipson also provided his personal assessments on Iran policy and prospects. P5 1/Multilateral/Collective Efforts: -- Phillipson sou German Reluctance: Not A Temporary Condition -----
- [1](#)4. (C) Separately, FCO Iran Coordination Group's Sanctions Officer Neil Kernohan on September 8 commented at length on the negative impact Ger
- [1](#)5. (C) Kernohan pointed to hydrocarbon investment and reinsurance as the areas where HMG wants to push the EU hardest for new sanctions. He sa
- [1](#)6. (C) Kernohan said he was not optimistic there will be sufficient consensus within the E3 on Iran to enable an effective push against Chinese
Comment -----
- [1](#)7. (C) Part of the FCO Iran Coordination Group's brief is to manage the expectations of its closest ally, the United States; FCO therefore car
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